

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.72, As Amended**

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TO: The Honorable Greg Ryberg, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee  
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SUBJECT: High School Students - Driver's Licenses

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 72, as amended, would amend various sections of state statutes so as to, among other things, require school attendance for individuals under seventeen before issuance or reinstatement of a drivers' license. Schools would be required to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and parents when a child becomes chronically truant at which time the student's driver's license would be suspended unless a waiver is sought and granted.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

State Department of Education (SDE)

SDE anticipates incurring one-time programming cost of \$22,000 for modifications to the School Accounting and Student Information system. This programming would allow the districts to establish a reporting field for each student and produce appropriate reports related to implementation of the Bill.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

The Department indicates there will be a one-time cost of approximately \$57,173 in programming costs. The cost would be for 520 hours of programming at \$110 per hour cost. The impact would be on the General Fund of the State and/or agency other funds.

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

The Bill requires school districts to notify parents when a student has accumulated a certain number of unexcused absences. The Bill also places notification requirements on the school districts with regard to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The impact per school is estimated to be minimal (approximately \$4,500 on average for each of the state's 200 high schools). Some schools may be able to implement these additional requirements within existing resources.

Approved by:



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